

When are the dates of the CVE credit year?

The 'credit year' runs from 1 August to 31 July.

How many credits must a Veterinary Nurse gain annually?

A minimum of 12 credits must be gained annually.

What does the implementation of mandatory CVE mean?

The 'credit year' runs from 1 August to 31 July. Veterinary nurses must accumulate at least 12 credits in each year or a cumulative total of 60 credits for the current year and previous four years to satisfy the Council's CVE requirement. There is no cap on the number of credits which can be claimed in any year over and above 12 credits.

How do I make a CVE return?

Each registrant is responsible for the return of his or her CVE credit claim. A registrant may choose to do this through the IVNA or UCD collating systems, where applicable, in which case a return will be made on his/her behalf. Additional credits to the ones submitted through a collating system, or by a CVE provider of a VCI pre-approved event/course, may be claimed by filling in a CVE Record Card and submitting it to the Council by the 15 September each year.

What information should be returned with a CVE record card?

It is not necessary to submit events/courses which have been pre-approved by VCI as signed attendances are returned directly by the event/course organiser to VCI and should automatically appear on your record. Your CVE record card should include the details of any additional CVE activity together with supporting documentation as outlined in section 4 of the CVE regulations. A copy of the information submitted should be retained for your own records.

How do I know how many CVE credits are applicable to each activity?

The CVE Credit Allocation table, printed overleaf, provides further detail on the credits allocated to each activity.

When should I return a CVE record card?

The completed CVE Record Card and supporting documentation must be returned to the Veterinary Council by 15 September for the preceding CVE credit year.

Where can I get additional information and check my CVE record?

The current CVE Regulations, allocation table and record card are available on www.vci.ie or by contacting the Council offices. Any individual registrant may log on to the website to check his/her current CVE credit status or may contact the Council offices.

CVE Credit Allocation Table (Not Exhaustive)

CVE Events	
Courses/seminars	1 Credit per contact hour of CVE
Wetlabs/practicals /interactive events	2 Credits per contact hour of CVE
Veterinary Clinical Society Meetings	
Clinical Society Meetings	1 credit per hr of attendance at presentation/lectures
Assessed self education courses	
On-line/Distance Learning	1 Credit per hour of work
Presentation of the veterinary lecture/poster to a professional audience	
1. First time lecture only 2. First time poster only 3. One day presentation	7 Credits 3 Credits Maximum of 15 Credits could be awarded in any one day
Presentation to Lay Audience	
2 credits per presentation up to a maximum of 6 credits per annum	
Publication of papers	
Peer Reviewed Paper 1. As a first author 2. Second & subsequent authors 3. Non-Peer Reviewed Paper/Articles for Press	15 Credits 8 Credits 2 credits per paper up to a maximum of 6 credits per annum.
Projects/clinical case reports/epidemiological field investigations/veterinary public health reports	
Veterinary project which is the subject of a substantive report as determined by VETC	10 Credits
Supervision of undergraduates “Seeing Practice”	
Supervision of undergraduates “Seeing Practice” as part of an Extra Mural Studies Programme of a veterinary course for either practitioners or nurses enrolled in approved courses	1 Credit per week – restricted to a maximum of 4 credits per annum –for the veterinary practitioner who certifies the student.
Professional Discussion Groups	
Attendance in discussion Leader of discussion	1 Credit per contact hour of discussion 1 Credit – leader is awarded an additional credit – restricted to a maximum of 6 credits per annum
Veterinary Organisations Members of committees of veterinary organisations – maximum of 3 credits per annum.	1 – 5 meetings – 1 credit 5-10 meetings - 2 credits 10 + meetings - 3 credits
Home Study	
The study of professional veterinary literature	1 Credit per hr – restricted to a maximum of 4 Credits per annum
Other	
Post-graduate studies*	Credits allocated on application 20 Credits per year

* Registered formally in post graduate studies in a recognised third level institute